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FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN PRISONERS IN BOLIVIA--MEXICAN TYPE TREATY

REF: (A) LA PAZ 2435, (B) STATE 72360, (C) LA PAZ 2268,

1. DURING MY CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT BANZER, HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HAVING A MEXICAN-TYPE TREATY WITH THE US ON THE EXECUTION OF PENAL SENTENCES. I BELIEVE THERE ARE ADVANTAGES IN SUCH A TREATY AND THAT WE SHOULD PROCEED NOW TO NEGOTIATE ONE WITH THE GOB. WHILE THE TREATY ITSELF, IF CONCLUDED, WOULD BE OF DIRECT HELP TO PRISONERS ONLY IN LONGER TIME FRAME, FACT THAT NEGOTIATIONS TAKING PLACE WOULD MAKE FOR MORE CONSTRUCTIVE AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS WITH GOB OFFICIALS CONCERNED AND ASSIST IN EXPEDITING TRIALS.

2. I FIND NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WOULD PREJUDICE THE SITUATION OF US PRISONERS. I BELIEVE THE BOLIVIANS, AS THEY ASSURE US, WILL MOVE AHEAD WITH THE TRIALS AS RAPIDLY AS JUDICIAL FACILITIES PERMIT.

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NEITHER DO I SEE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT BOLIVIAN JUDGES MIGHT SEIZE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPOSE UNUSUALLY SEVERE PENALTIES.

3. IN VIEW OF THE STRONG INTEREST WHICH THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAS EXPRESSED IN THE PRISONER PROBLEM, BELIEVE WE SHOULD CONSULT WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS.

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